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NOTE FOR: The Acting Director

THROUGH: Dave Gries

FROM:

SUBJECT: Possible Areas of Inquiry at Confirmation Hearing Gleaned
from Press Clippings

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At Dave Gries' request, I have reviewed the existing press articles on hand concerning your nomination for any clues or informed speculation on issues (beyond the Iran/Contra matter) that you may be questioned about at the hearing. The following items have seemed to pop up with a fair degree of regularity:

- o CI and security shortfalls in both CIA and Community (recent HPSCI report frequently cited).
- o Need for a "housecleaning" in DO (Iran affair and CI cases cited as justification).
- o Questions whether your relative youth puts you at a disadvantage in dealing with (and standing up to if necessary) Regan, Weinberger, Shultz and Carlucci.
- o How you would react if the President orders you to withhold Congressional notice of covert actions or otherwise "short circuit" regular procedures.
- o Questions about your "independence" as well as access to and clout with the President.
- o Whether you will run Agency in much the same way as Casey (liberals are concerned you will; conservatives are concerned you won't).
- o How you propose to deal with funding badly-needed, but expensive intelligence requirements (e.g., new spy satellites) when no one seems prepared to pay for them (a recurring question by Senator Cohen in several articles).
- o Would you be willing to submit to regular physical or medical exams as DCI (Senator Heflin is urging this idea for all senior officials in sensitive jobs. I'm including it here because Heflin is quoted in several articles as saying that he will push to have this question asked at your hearing).

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